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SUBJ: LEE KUAN YEW ON LOS

SUMMARY

AUGUST 4 STRAITS TIMES CARRIED ACCOUNT OF PRIME MINISTER LEE KUAN YEW'S TELEVISED INT VIEW BY CBC IN OTTAWA. DURING THIS INTERVIEW LEE REITERATED HIS BELIEF IN FREEDOM OF TRANSIT THROUGH STRAITS. END SUMMARY.

1. LEE, IN ANSWER TO QUESTION, BELITTLED CHINESE NAVAL THREAT TO INDIAN OCEAN, BUT STATED THAT WHOEVER WANTED TO ENSURE PEACE, PROGRESS AND PROSPERITY FOR MANKIND SHOULD COOPERATE TO KEEP INDIAN OCEAN AND ITS ENTRANCES- STRAITS OF MALACCA, CAPE OF GOOD HOPE AND SUEZ - OPEN "TO ALL PEACE-LOVING SHIPS." HE SAID STRAITS OF MALACCA HAD BEEN INTERNATIONAL WATERWAY FOR HUNDREDS OF YEARS. " IF THERE IS GOING TO BE ANY CHANGE, THERE IS A CONFERENCE OF THE

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UNITED NATIONS ON THE LAW OF THE SEA. AND IF

ALL THE MAJOR POWERS AND A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE
UNITED NATIONS AGREE TO CHANGE THE STATUS, WELL, SO BE
IT."

2. APPARENTLY LEE TOUCHED ON SUBJECT AGAIN AT
COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE. EMBASSY WILL REPORT WHEN TEXT
RECEIVED.
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